

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the last paragraph of page 4 and continuing on page 5 of the Specification with the following replacement Paragraph:

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Moreover, a storage appliance or system in a clustered environment may include an additional port (either physical or virtual) for use in receiving data access commands to be proxied to the partner storage system (a “proxy port” or “partner port”). In such environments, commands received by the proxy port are forwarded to the partner storage system for execution. An example of a proxying clustered storage system is described in United States Patent Application Serial No. 112056-0152 10/811,095 entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROXYING DATA ACCESS COMMANDS IN A CLUSTER SYSTEM, by Herman Lee, *et al.*

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